

Miami-Dade Parks June Calendar of Events

WEDNESDAY, 1

Arch Creek Ghost Tours

7-8:30 p.m. \$5. Wednesdays. Take a night tour of Arch Creek Park and learn about its spooky past. Hear personal accounts of ghostly encounters that have occurred since the late 1800s and maybe have an encounter of your own. Call 305.944.6111 for reservations. Arch Creek Park Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami

"God's Paint Brush" Art Exhibit

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Daily thru July 3. Deering hosts Panamanian artist Sheila Lichacz with an exhibition of multi-media paintings that incorporate images and shards of indigenous pre-Columbian pottery. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 233

Yoga Classes

6-7:30 p.m., Tuesdays; 10-11:30 a.m., Wednesdays. \$60 for a six-week session. Yoga taught by Marlene Shulman. Call 305.235.1668, ext. 225 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

Skyward Kites

10 a.m.-Sunset. Daily. Add the joy of kite flying to your day at the beach. Kites on sale, starting at \$5 and staff will help with assembly and give instructions on how to be a master kite flyer. Haulover Beach Park, 10800 Collins Ave., Miami Beach, 305.893.0906

Deering Historic Tours

10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$7 adults; \$5 children. Daily. Tour the historic 1922 Stone House, the 1896-1900 Richmond Cottage and the 444-acre environmental preserve featuring archaeological sites and rare native flora and fauna. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668

Dog Park

Sunrise-Sunset. Free. Monday-Friday. \$4 parking per vehicle on Saturday and Sunday. The park offers five acres of enclosed green space with walking trails

and water fountains for dogs. Dog Park at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389

Deering Natural Areas Tours

Daily. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Take a guided walking tour through a tropical hardwood hammock to a Tequesta Indian burial mound. On the half-mile boardwalk tour, you'll learn about our unique ecosystem. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 242

Mountain Bike Trails

Sunrise-Sunset. Monday-Friday. \$4 parking per vehicle on Saturdays and Sundays. Mountain bike trails for beginners, intermediate and advanced riders. Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389

Skate Park

3:30-7:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; 12-8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. \$3 for two-hour session; \$5 for two-hour session and safety equipment. Skate Park at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389

Farm Village

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Monday-Friday. \$4 parking per vehicle on Saturday and Sunday. The farm village offers petting zoo daily and pony rides on Saturdays and Sundays for children weighing 70 lbs. and less. Pony rides are \$2. Bill Graham Farm Village at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389

Amusement Center

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Daily. Ride a colorful carousel and bike or roller-blade through miles of trails. Carousel operates weekends and holidays only. Three rides for \$1. Crandon Park, 4000 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, 305.361.5421

Ai Chi: "Aquatic Tai Chi"

\$30/10 sessions. For adults with arthritis, MS, fibromyalgia and mild physical impairments. Participants will engage in low-impact, flowing movement exercises to improve balance and relaxation. Call Jody at 305.234.4948 for class schedule and registration. Cutler Ridge Pool, 10100 SW 200 St., Miami

Basketball Team

5-6 p.m. \$32/month. Mondays and Wednesdays. Ages 13 and older with developmental disabilities. Learn basketball skills, drills and compete in the Special Olympics. Leisure Access Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.665.5319 (v/tdd)

Swim Lessons, Water Exercise & Arthritis Aquatics

\$40/10 classes. Swim lessons and water exercise and arthritis exercise for ages six and older with disabilities and arthritis. Classes held at Tamiami, Norwood,

A.D. Barnes, and Cutler Ridge pools. Call 305.652.4304 (north); 305.665.5319 (v/tdd) (central); or 305.234.4948 (south) for schedules.

THURSDAY, 2

Water Safety Skills Class

\$40/10 classes. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Ages 6 and older with disabilities. Class covers all levels of swim lessons, water exploration, and water safety. Call 305.665.5319 (v/tdd) for schedule. A.D. Barnes Pool, 3701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

Swim Team

5-6 p.m. \$40/5 weeks. Water exercise \$30/5 weeks. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Swim classes and competitions for individuals 13 and older with developmental disabilities. Leisure Access Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.665.5319 (v/tdd)

FRIDAY, 3

New Image Ballet Recital

8 p.m. Call box office for tickets. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 West Flagler St., Miami, 305.547.5414, ext. 0.

SATURDAY, 4

Lychee & Logan Workshop

10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$25. Learn about these most revered of Chinese fruits from their ancient cultivation to their modern mania. Growing needs, problems and varieties will be covered. Fruit & Spice Park, 24801 SW 187 Ave., Homestead, 305.247.5727

Chicken Key Canoe Tour

8-11 a.m. \$25 adults; \$15 ages 9-14. Saturdays and Sundays. Canoeists will experience the beauty of Biscayne Bay as they make their way to Chicken Key Island, a seven-acre bird rookery. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 242

Sports Saturday

8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. \$32/month. Also, June 18. Basketball, swimming and exercise activities for individuals 13 and older with developmental disabilities. Leisure Access Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.665.5319 (v/tdd)

Matheson's Mangroves Canoe Tour

10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$25 adults; \$15 ages 14 and under. Explore the magnificent mangrove community that lines Biscayne Bay on this relaxing canoe tour. Call 305.365.3018 to register. Meet at the Redfish Grill at Matheson Hammock Park, 9610 Old Cutler Road, Miami.

Hurricane Pruning

1-4 p.m. \$25. Remove undesirable growth, develop attractive form and reduce hurricane storm damage. Fruit & Spice Park, 24801 SW 187 Ave., Homestead, 305.247.5727

P.A.C.E.: "People with Arthritis Can Exercise"

2-3 p.m. \$3. Saturdays. Ages 18 and older with arthritis. Mild low-impact exercise to maintain and improve joint flexibility and range of motion. Call Jody at 305.234.4948 to register. Westwind Lakes Park, 6805 SW 152 Ave., Miami

Drop & Shop for Children with Disabilities

9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$35/month. Saturdays. For children with disabilities ages 6-14. Participants will be engaged in arts and crafts and sporting and recreational activities. Call Jody at 305.234.4948 for more information. Westwind Lakes Park, 6805 SW 152 Ave., Miami

Guided Historical Nature Walk

2-4 p.m. \$3 per person; \$4 per vehicle entrance fee. Saturdays and Sundays. See animals in their natural surroundings and learn about plant life that might not be seen on a paved trail. Call 305.948.2891 for reservations. Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach

Crandon Heritage Tram Tours

10-11 a.m. and 3-4 p.m. \$2 adults; \$1 children. Saturdays and Sundays. Take a tram ride through Crandon Park and the Bear Cut Preserve and learn about the island of Key Biscayne and its fascinating history. Call 305.361.6767 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Crandon Bear Cut Preserve Nature Trail Tours

10 -11 a.m. and 3-4 p.m. \$2. Saturdays and Sundays. Tour a rare remnant of Miami's remaining maritime hammock, scrub habitat and mangrove forest. Call 305.361.6767 for reservations. Meet at the Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne.

Firearm Safety

9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$5 adults; children free. Saturdays and Sundays. Learn the fundamentals of firearm safety, range rules and regulations. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami, 305.226.1823

Canoe, Kayak and Paddle Boat Rentals

10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Canoes and kayaks for adults are \$4.50 per half hour and \$3 for children. Paddle boats are \$5 per half hour. The Boathouse at Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach, 305.948.2891

Water Bicycles and Kayak Rentals

\$10 per half hour. Saturdays and Sundays. Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389 and Tropical Park, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami. Call 305.495.4637 for reservations at Tropical.

Batting Cages

Monday-Friday, 2-9 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. \$5 three rounds; \$10 seven rounds. Bats, helmets supplied at Tropical Park, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami. Call 305.559.5200 for reservations. Sundays, 9-11 a.m. at Highland Oaks Park, 20300 NE 24 Ave., N. Miami Beach, 305.932.2164. \$5 for 15 minutes; \$25 for an hour.

Crandon Kayak and Snorkel Excursions

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. \$50; \$35 Miami-Dade residents. Saturdays and Sundays. Explore the colorful tropical fish, spotted eagle rays, cushion stars, herons and other animals that share this fragile and unique sanctuary. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Crandon Bayside Canoe Adventure

10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$40 adults, \$25 for Miami-Dade residents; \$15 ages 14 and younger. Saturdays and Sundays. Discover the endless mangrove forest where great blue herons, iguanas and spotted eagle rays lurk. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon

Saturday Morning Camp: Drop-n-Shop

9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$5 one child, \$8 two children: \$11 three children. Saturdays. Parents, you can do your shopping while your child is supervised with activities, games, videos and arts and crafts. Highland Oaks Park, 20300 NE 24 Ave., N. Miami Beach, 305.932.2164

NRA First Steps Course

10 a.m.-12.30 p.m. \$49.94. Saturdays. Ages 21 and older. This course consists of fundamental basic pistol instruction and safety and meets state requirements for the concealed weapons permit. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami, 305.226.1823

Historic Oleta River Canoe Trip

10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25 adults; \$15 children ages 14 and younger. Saturdays. Catch a view of many wading birds and mammals in their natural habitats and visit an undisturbed Tequesta Indian midden. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Meet at East Greynolds Park, NE 167 St. and Biscayne Blvd., N. Miami Beach 305.944.6111.

Arch Creek Trail Tour

10-11 a.m. \$3. Saturdays. Join us on this naturalist-guided tour through a native tropical hardwood hammock where the pioneers of North Miami once lived and the prehistoric Tequesta Indians thrived for hundreds of years living off the land. Call 305.944.6111 one day in advance for reservations. Meet at Arch Creek Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami.

Saturdays in the Park with Commissioner Javier Souto

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturdays. District 9 residents are invited to spend Saturday mornings with Commissioner Souto discussing concerns and issues. Call 305.375.4835 for locations.

Crandon's Little Naturalist

2-4 p.m. \$10 child & parent. Saturdays. Ages 5 and younger with parent. You, along with your young naturalist, will have the opportunity to participate in nature hikes, habitat studies, butterfly and bird watching, sea turtle programs and much, much more! Call 305.361.6767 to register. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Wheelchair Tennis Program

9-11 a.m. Free. Saturdays. Ages 12 and older. All skill levels. Call 305.755.7848 (v/tdd) for more information. Big Five Tennis Club, 9299 SW 7 Terr., Miami, 305.234.4948

Dance Empire Ballet Recital

8 p.m. Call box office for tickets. Also, June 5, 6 p.m. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 West Flagler St., Miami, 305.547.5414, ext. 0

Fern Show and Sale

9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$15 adults; Free ages 3-12. Thru Sunday. Fairchild Tropical Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Miami, 305.667.1651

SUNDAY, 5

Key Biscayne Heritage Bike Tour

10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$25 includes bike and helmet rental; \$20 with your own bike; \$15 children. Sundays. Learn of natural and historical events as you bike along this barrier island. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors' and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Eco-Tour Van Trip: Loxahatchee Arthur R. Marshall National Wildlife Refuge

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$40 adults; \$15 ages 14 and younger. Spend a day exploring the northern Everglades, including a cypress swamp boardwalk and marsh trail explorations where wading birds, hawks, alligators and migrating waterfowl can be spotted. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Trip meets at the Greynolds Park Boathouse, 17530 West Dixie Hwy, N. Miami Beach.

MONDAY, 6

Summer Camps

7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Ages 6-14. Monday-Friday. Thru August 5. Miami-Dade Parks offers a host of summer activities including sports, swimming, performing arts, nature adventures and camps at Miami Metrozoo and the Deering Estate at Cutler. Visit www.miamidade.gov/parks or call 305.755.7800 for more information.

SATURDAY, 11

2ND Annual Blue Water Fishing Classic

7 a.m.-3 p.m. \$350 entry fee per boat. Fishermen compete for more than \$30,000 in cash and prizes. Official weigh in fish: dolphin, wahoo, kingfish and black-fin tuna. Tournament operates from all six Miami-Dade County Marinas. Contact Kathy Haley, 305.755.7910, for application.

Tropical Ag Fiesta

10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$6 adults; children ages 12 and under free. Thru Sunday. Exhibition of local agriculture featuring tropical fruit plants for sale, samples of fresh lychee and mango and tours of the park. Fruit & Spice Park, 24801 SW 187 Ave., Homestead, 305.247.5727

Butterfly and Hummingbird Gardening Workshop

9-11 a.m. \$15. This popular class covers all the aspects of gardening to help you create an oasis for hummingbirds and butterflies in your own backyard. Call 305.242.7688 to register. Castellow Hammock Park and Nature Center, 22301 SW 162 Ave., Miami

Historic Coral Gables Canoe Tour

9 a.m.-12 p.m. \$25. Enjoy a gentle canoe trip through historic canals abundant with wading birds and other wildlife. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Meet at A.D. Barnes Park's Nature Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami.

Crandon Butterfly & Moth Workshop

9-11 a.m. \$10. Learn the basics of bird watching and butterfly and moth identification. Explore the shoreline and trails of the Bear Cut preserve in search of these resident and migratory marvels. Call 305.361.6767 for reservations. Meet at the Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne.

Inner City Children's Touring Dance Company

6 p.m. \$15-\$3. Dance concert. Joseph Caleb Auditorium, 5400 NW 22 Ave., Miami, 305.636.2350

The Misunderstood Mammal: The Bat!

7:30 p.m. \$5. Also, June 16 & 25. Learn about these fascinating creatures and discover why they are so beneficial to us. Call 305.948.2891 for reservations. Meet at the Boathouse at Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach.

Scarlett's Academy Ballet Recital

5 p.m. Call box office for tickets. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 West Flagler St., Miami, 305.547.5414, ext. 0.

Bamboo Sale

9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$15 adults; Free ages 3-12. Thru Sunday. Fairchild Tropical Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Miami, 305.667.1651

SUNDAY, 12

Los Lobos in Concert

8 p.m. \$35-\$20. Enjoy the rock group Los Lobos and its music, which includes hits *La Lamba, I Got Loaded, Don't Worry Baby, Kiko and the Lavendar Moon.* Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 West Flagler St., Miami, 305.547.5414, ext. 0

SATURDAY, 18

Ballroom Cabaret

7 p.m. \$15. Enjoy the first of the Summer Ballroom Cabaret series with an evening of incredible sounds. Sitarist Bharti Chokshi will enthrall you and transport you to India. Call 305.235.1668, ext. 233 for season tickets. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

Mangos, Mangos, Mangos

10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25. Everything about mangos: how to grow them, their insect and disease problems, recipes and the many varieties. Fruit & Spice Park, 24801 SW 187 Ave., Homestead, 305.247.5727

Butterfly Walk

2-3:30 p.m. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Designed for beginners and experts, this walk will explore various habitats of the park while finding and identifying numerous butterfly species. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 242

Heritage Horse Show

8 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Thru Sunday. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305.554.7334

SUNDAY, 19

Pelican Harbor Kayak and Snorkel Trip

2-5 p.m. \$25 plus \$5 for snorkel rental. Get away from the busy world and take a break by kayaking in Biscayne Bay and snorkeling in the shallows to see the marine life that dwells in the bay. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Meet at Pelican Harbor Marina, 1275 NE 79 Street Causeway, Miami Beach.

Father's Day Brunch at Fairchild

The Veranda Restaurant will be open for a Father's Day Brunch. Dine in the second floor Visitor Center air-conditioned ballroom or outdoors overlooking beautiful Pandanus Lake. Call 305.667.1651, ext. 3345 for reservations. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Miami

WEDNESDAY, 22

Moonlight Canoe Excursion

7-11 p.m. \$35. Ages 18 and older. Canoeists will enjoy the moonlit beauty of Biscayne Bay as they make their way to Chicken Key Island. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 242

FRIDAY, 24

Just Dance It Ballet Recital

8 p.m. Call box office for tickets. Thru Sunday. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 West Flagler St., Miami, 305.547.5414, ext. 0

SATURDAY, 25

Indian Key Canoe and Snorkel Tour

7 a.m.-7 p.m. \$45. On this tour you will paddle over to the key, tour the island on foot and don your snorkel gear to explore the clear waters rich in marine life. Call 305.365.3018. Meet at A.D. Barnes Park Nature Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami.

5th Annual Taste of the Tropics

7-11 p.m. \$45 advanced; \$55 at the door. Enjoy an evening of camaraderie, live music, delicious food, Fairchild Mojitos and sunset tram tours. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Miami, 305.667.1651, ext. 3377

MONDAY, 27

Magic City Monday: Drum of Polynesia

10 a.m. \$3. Discover the dances and rhythms distinct of the regions of Polynesia. Enjoy this rich culture through storytelling, music and dance. Joseph Caleb Auditorium, 5400 NW 22 Ave., Miami, 305.636.2350

WEDNDESDAY, 29

Miss Florida Pageant

7:30 p.m. \$45-\$15. Thru Saturday. The Miss Florida Pageant. Winner will compete in other contests, including the Miss America Pageant. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 West Flagler St., Miami, 305.547.5414, ext. 0